

POCAHONTAS COUNTY

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Chapter 6

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CUMMINGS CREEK M. P. CHURCH

There are no available records to show just when and by whom this class was first organized, but for many years it worshiped in the Cummings Creek school house. When the old school house was abandoned for school purposes it was sold by the Board of Education to the "Church of God" and the Methodists were forced to build a church in order to have a place to worship. This church is located on the head waters of Beaver Creek but is called the Cummings Creek Church because it was built by the Cummings Creek class. It was organized in 1930, and the church was completed in 1933, but was not dedicated until June 30, 1940

For many years this class was without a pastor and the class became dis-organized as will all organizations that have no leader. However in 1912, it was reorganized by Rev. O. P. McNeil. Some of the older members were Noah Underwood, Price McComb, Hugh Sharp, Wallace Underwood, Rev. Howard Underwood, a local minister, and William McComb.

Some of the ministers have been Rev. Howard Underwood, Revs. D. S. Boggs, B. N. Simmers, J. W. Mathews, O. P. McNeil, H. D. Sloan, J. T. Lee, A. W. Lowe, G. L. Rhoads, Perry, Hogsett, Fowler, and S. R. Simpson as the present pastor under the united Methodist.

The families of Willie Alderman and John Lee are leaders in the church at the present time. *and the Underwoods.*

of the Poage family. It is always a  
community burying ground is shown proper respect by being kept

Mrs. Icie Underwood, recently deceased, was also a very conscientious worker.

The lot for the church was donated by J. A. Clarkson, and Mrs. Obie Alderman.

The building of the church was made possible by donation on a subscription paper that was circulated in the community at large by Mrs. Icie Underwood, John Lee and Mrs. Obie Alderman. Most of the carpenter work was done by John Lee and Willie Alderman.

The trustees are John Lee, Penich Underwood, and Clive Alderman.

The oldest church record of membership for this church is dated 1938 and gives the members as follows:

Agnes Underwood, Wallace Underwood, Forest Underwood, Lucy Underwood Sharp, Pearl Underwood Sharp, Lee Syms, Fannie Syms, Lillian Hebb, I. L. Hebb, John Lee, Goldie Lee, Esta Buzzard, Icie Underwood, Agnes McComb, Willie Alderman, Obie Alderman, Mrs. C. M. McNeil, P. W. Underwood, Olive Underwood, Carnie Underwood, Clive Alderman, Kenneth Schoolcraft, Daisy Schoolcraft, Nora Underwood, Florence Ramsey, Ada Alderman, Dolly Mullens, Mary Gaylor, Elsie Alderman, John A. Clarkson, Jewel Underwood, Grace Alderman, Veda Alderman, Houle Underwood, Olive Underwood and Glenna Underwood.

From-- Mr. and Mrs John Lee

Church records

The sermon of Dedication was preached by Dr. H. M. Sturm of the Marlinton Church. Rev. H. D. Sloan, a former pastor, was the other speaker.

Attendance. the speaker  
 Cemetery is well kept  
 oldest markers